

Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes: September 16, 2010

Meeting called to order at 8:35 p.m.

Present: Eunice Torres, Frank Gatti, Reynolds Winslow, Mohamed Elgadi, Stefan Cejic, Kathleen Anderson, and Victoria Oliva

Excused: Lois Raj

Topics Discussed during September 16, 2010 Meeting:

- Eunice expressed her hope that the new Town Manager, John Musante, will attend an Amherst Human Rights Commission meeting so that we have the opportunity to introduce him to the work of the Commission and begin to establish a relationship with him.
- The Young Heroes Award Sub-Committee will meet later this month to discuss their plans for next year.
- We discussed the possibility of collaborating with Yasmine Hasnaoui from Amherst College for our Declaration of Human Rights Day, which will focus on International Human Rights.
- We continued to discuss collaboration with the Five Colleges, with the hope that Josiah will update the commission on any progress.
- Our discussion about the Baha'i Imprisonment Plight in Iran will continue at our next meeting. The commission hopes to decide its standpoint on the issue. Mohamed plans to contact people from the Baha'i community in Amherst.
- We will continue our discussion of the New York City Mosque at our next meeting. Kathleen noted that there was a Mosque in the Twin Towers previous to September 11, 2001.
- Kathleen reported that the "First Day" welcome party on the Amherst Common was very enjoyable; many people from the community attended.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 21, 2010

Minutes submitted by
Victoria Oliva
Human Rights Commissioner